

## Message Text

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R 041509Z APR 77  
FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7264  
INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN  
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AMEMBASSY LUSAKA  
AMEMBASSY MAPUTO  
AMEMBASSY MBABANE

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ENRG, SF  
SUBJECT: CABORA BASSA POWER GOES ON STREAM

1. ESCOM HAS CONFIRMED PRESS REPORT OF APRIL 3 THAT POWER FROM CABORA BASSA PROJECT BEGAN ENTERING SOUTH AFRICAN ELECTRICAL GRID ON COMMERCIAL BASIS ON MARCH 26. REPORT STATED POWER IS COMING FROM THREE GENERATORS EACH HAVING A RATING OF 408 MEGAWATTS. FOURTH GENERATOR EXPECTED TO BE IN OPERATION BY END OF YEAR.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IRREGULAR TEST TRANSMISSIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED OVER LAST FEW MONTHS, THIS IS FIRST PUBLIC CONFIRMATION THAT CABORA BASSA POWER ORIGINALLY EXPECTED IN EARLY 1975, BEING RECEIVED ON COMMERCIAL BASIS. BOWDLER  
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## Message Attributes

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